

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on April 8, 2014

SB 332

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION ACT OF 2014

Expanding prekindergarten services to specified 4-year-old children; establishing the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; requiring the administration of the Program as a competitive grant program for specified providers; requiring a specified report on the aggregate estimated number of 3-year-old children and the subcategory that includes the estimated number of 3-year-old and 4-year old children from an economically disadvantaged background in each county in the State for the current school year and the next 5 school years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 6

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

VEHICLE LAWS – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Requiring that specified required inspections, maintenance, and repairs of specified commercial motor vehicles be performed by specified preventive maintenance technicians; defining “preventive maintenance technician” as a person who is able to provide evidence of a demonstrated understanding of specified preventive maintenance inspection criteria through specified experiences; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 16

Senator Klausmeier, et al**CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY –
ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND CANCELLATION OF POLICIES –
AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to issue policies for employer's liability insurance and insurance under a federal compensation law; providing an exception to a specified prohibition to allow the Company to cancel or refuse to renew or issue a policy for failure to reimburse the Company under a policy with deductibles as required under a specified provision of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 26

**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)****MOTOR VEHICLES – COMMERCIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT
HOLDERS – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES**

Establishing that specified administrative penalties and procedures that apply to a holder of a commercial driver's license for specified motor vehicle violations under specified circumstances also apply to the holder of a commercial instructional permit; and altering the defined term "serious traffic violation" to include specified violations related to holding a commercial instructional permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 33

**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)****VEHICLE LAWS – RULES OF THE ROAD – USE OF HIGH
OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES**

Prohibiting a person from driving a vehicle in a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane except under specified circumstances; authorizing specified vehicles to be driven in HOV lanes at all times; and defining "HOV Lane".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 35**Senator Shank****FAMILY LAW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORT – DISSEMINATION**

Repealing a requirement that a specified law enforcement unit provide a copy of a specified domestic violence incident report to the Department of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 40**Carroll County Senators****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CIRCUIT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 53**Senator Middleton, et al****MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund may not discriminate among insureds by charging different premiums to insureds who select, as a payment option, the Fund's installment payment plan instead of a premium finance agreement; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 62**Senator Astle****CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – POWERS AND DUTIES – MEMBER TERMS**

Specifying that the two-term limit for members of the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust applies only to consecutive terms; and repealing a limitation on the ability of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to solicit or accept a gift, bequest, or lease of real or personal property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

- SB 70** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
AGRICULTURE – FERTILIZER – LABELING AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND SALE
Clarifying specified fertilizer labeling requirements and specified restrictions on the use and sale of specified fertilizers and altering the definitions of the terms “guaranteed analysis”, “organic fertilizer”, and “soil conditioner”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 71** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – VALUE OF EASEMENT
Prohibiting, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, and with a specified exception, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from purchasing an agricultural land preservation easement for more than 75% or less than 25% of the fair market value of the land; and authorizing the Foundation to purchase an easement for less than 25% of the fair market value of the land if the asking price is less than 25% of the fair market value of the land.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014
- SB 72** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
MOTOR VEHICLES – WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS
Exempting specified buses from provisions of law establishing tandem axle weight limits; clarifying that specified vehicle weight limits apply to specified buses; and increasing to 550 pounds the weight limit tolerance for the use of specified equipment that promotes fuel economy and reduced emissions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 77 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL AND FARM VEHICLES –
SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND UTILITY EMERGENCIES**

Altering the definition of “vehicle” to exclude specified farm vehicles for specified purposes relating to vehicle inspections and warnings for defective equipment; repealing a provision prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from adopting regulations applying specified provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to specified farmers and agents or employees of farmers in specified circumstances; repealing the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to declare a utility emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 79 Senator Middleton, et al

LIMITED LINES – TRAVEL INSURANCE

Altering specified provisions of law relating to limited lines insurance for transportation tickets to relate instead to limited lines travel insurance; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to issue a limited lines license to an individual or a business entity to sell travel insurance; requiring a limited lines travel insurance producer to require specified travel retailer employees or authorized representatives to receive specified instruction or training with specified required content; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 84 Senator Benson, et al

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES – NAME CHANGE**

Changing the name of the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services to the Joint Committee on Access to Behavioral Health Services; altering the duties of the Committee by requiring it to monitor access to specified behavioral health services and specified medically necessary services; and altering the information that must be included in a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 87 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

DRUNK DRIVING – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REPEAT OFFENDERS

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration impose a specified period of suspension to be served before participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program when modifying a specified suspension imposed on specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders; prohibiting specified repeat drunk or drugged driving offenders from operating a motor vehicle in the course of employment without installation of an ignition interlock system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 89 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED – EXCEPTIONS

Establishing an exception to the requirement that a person have a certificate of need issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission before specified actions are taken relating to a health care facility by altering the definition of a “health care facility” to exclude a comprehensive care facility that is owned and operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and that restricts admissions to specified individuals; and clarifying language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 90 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – CERTIFICATION TO AUTHORIZE LOBBYING AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF REGISTRATION

Requiring a specified regulated lobbyist to certify under oath or affirmation that the regulated lobbyist is authorized to engage in lobbying for a specified entity; providing for the contents of the certification; authorizing a regulated lobbyist registration to be filed electronically; requiring an electronically filed registration to include a specified certification made by an electronic signature; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 91 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,
State)**

**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
SCHOOL BOARDS – COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to adopt specified model provisions for school boards; providing that a specified model provision may be adopted or imposed on a school board under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Ethics Commission, after making a specified determination, to issue an order directing a county or municipal corporation or school board to comply with specified provisions of the Public Ethics Law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 92 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,
State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – REGULATED LOBBYISTS – ETHICS
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified regulated lobbyists complete an initial and subsequent ethics training course provided by the State Ethics Commission within 6 months of the regulated lobbyists initial registration; and requiring a specified regulated lobbyist to attend a course provided by the State Ethics Commission at least once in any 2-year period during which the lobbyist has registered with the Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 93 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL INCENTIVES PILOT
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Recreational Incentives Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources; stating that the purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether incentive discounts offered to specified individuals increase the purchase of recreational hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the Department to develop a plan to implement the pilot program, subject to requirements and restrictions; requiring the Department to implement the pilot program in accordance with the developed plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 96 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Establishing initial permit, permit renewal, and permit reinstatement fees for a SHOP Exchange enrollment permit; specifying that provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act relating to guaranteed availability of coverage apply to specified coverage offered in specified insurance markets; repealing specified conversion rights for specified group and blanket health insurance contracts; repealing provisions of law governing bona fide wellness programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 97 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – PROHIBITED INDUCEMENTS

Prohibiting a person from paying or allowing or giving, or from offering to pay or allow or give any valuable consideration to an insured as an inducement to use the services of a public adjuster.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 98 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE MARKETING RULES

Requiring an insurance producer, when soliciting or advertising the sale of a Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan, Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D), or Medicare Section 1876 cost plan, to comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicare Marketing Guidelines, including the prohibitions against specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 99 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Providing that a criminal prosecution for engaging in insurance fraud may be brought in specified counties; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, for a civil fraud violation, to impose administrative penalties and order restitution under a specified provision of law under specified circumstances; and providing that, if insurance fraud is determined to have occurred in a specified location, a criminal or civil fraud action for all related violations may be joined in the same action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 100 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

INSURANCE – PREMIUMS AND CHARGES – REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, when reviewing specified administrative expenses submitted by an authorized insurer that are associated with late payments, to include in the review the cost incurred by an authorized insurer or a vendor of the authorized insurer to accept late payments or installment payments by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer, or electronic check payment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 101 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND – USE OF FUNDS

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, or other forms of financial assistance, as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 102 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH – USE OF ALTERNATE CARE SITES DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Governor to promulgate specified orders, rules, or regulations to authorize the use of specified alternate care sites by licensed health care facilities that have access to an emergency electrical power generator to provide medical services, nursing services, or other health-related services during a declared state of emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 103 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN – RENAMING AND MODERNIZATION

Changing the name of the Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants to the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program; replacing obsolete terminology related to infant hearing status that affects speech-language skills; altering the membership and duties of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council; altering the length of an Advisory Council member's term; providing for staggered terms for Advisory Council members; altering the number of times the Advisory Council must meet each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 104 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH OFFICERS AND BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH – AUTHORITY TO RETAIN COLLECTIONS AND WAIVE CHARGES

Authorizing a health officer for a county and the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health to authorize a county health department and the Baltimore City Health Department to retain collections received from specified fees, with specified exceptions; requiring each county health officer and the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health to report annually to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the use of the retained collections; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 105 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

HEALTH – VITAL RECORDS – BIRTH CERTIFICATES – PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

Altering the period of time, from 72 hours to 5 calendar days after a birth occurs, within which specified persons must prepare and file a birth certificate with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified persons must provide specified information required on a birth certificate, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must verify a birth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 109 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)

PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – ELECTRONIC FILING

Requiring that specified financial disclosure statements be filed electronically with the State Ethics Commission on or before April 30 of each year; and requiring the Ethics Commission to develop and implement specified procedures for the electronic filing of a financial disclosure statement and for the granting of exemptions to the mandatory electronic filing requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 118 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION – FACILITIES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Services adopt regulations requiring the provision of year-round educational services in residential programs; repealing a requirement that the State Department of Education develop and implement an educational program specific to the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School; repealing requirements related to the transmission of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 119 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Subsequent Injury Fund Board)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND – BILLING ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2014, and on or before July 1 each year thereafter, an employer or its insurer that is liable for payment of specified Subsequent Injury Fund assessments to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of the current billing address to which notices of payment shall be sent; requiring the employer or its insurer to notify the Subsequent Injury Fund of any change of billing address within 30 days of the change of address; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 122 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

JUVENILE LAW – DETENTION – COMMUNITY DETENTION VIOLATION HEARINGS

Requiring an intake officer who authorized detention of a child for a violation of community detention to immediately file a petition to authorize continued detention; requiring that a hearing on a specified petition be held no later than the next court day unless extended for no more than 5 days by the court on good cause shown; and requiring notice of the hearing be given to the child and, if they can be located, the child's parents, guardian, or custodian.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 127 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MANURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to determine the amount of specified cost-share matching funds provided under the Manure Transportation Project; and repealing specified caps on the per ton amount of cost-share matching funds available under the Manure Transportation Project.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 129 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission,
State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND REGULATED LOBBYISTS –
LATE-FILING PENALTIES**

Altering specified fees that an official or a regulated lobbyist must pay for failing to file in a timely manner a required report or financial disclosure statement form with the State Ethics Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 130 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND WORKERS’
COMPENSATION COMMISSION – REPORTS OF ACCIDENTAL
INJURY OR DISABILITY – ELECTRONIC SHARING**

Repealing a requirement that an employer send copies of specified reports of an accident or injury to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; repealing a requirement that the Workers’ Compensation Commission report to the Commissioner a determination regarding industrial injuries associated with an employer or industry; requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to provide the Commissioner with electronic access to specified employer reports of accidental injury or disability due to occupational disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 144 Senator Kelley

**FAMILY LAW – FOSTER CARE – KINSHIP PARENT AGE
REQUIREMENTS**

Lowering, from 21 years to 18 years, the age that a person must be to serve as a kinship parent for a child in need of out-of-home placement; and repealing a provision authorizing a local department to waive the age requirement for a potential kinship parent who is at least 18 years of age and who lives with a spouse who is at least 21 years of age.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 152**Senator Colburn****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 –
DORCHESTER COUNTY – CAMBRIDGE MARINE TERMINAL
REDEVELOPMENT**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to change the grantee of the grant for the Cambridge Marine Terminal Redevelopment grant from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Cambridge; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 153**Senator Middleton, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – TASK FORCE TO STUDY
METHODS TO REDUCE THE RATE OF UNINSURED DRIVERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Methods to Reduce the Rate of Uninsured Drivers; providing for the composition, cochair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations, including those regarding the rate of uninsured drivers in the State and in other states and the ways in which the rate is calculated in Maryland; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 154**Senator Feldman, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH INTERNET
TICKET SALES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally selling or using specified software to circumvent a security measure, an access control system, or any other control or measure on a specified Web site that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process; and providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to specified enforcement and penalty provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 168**Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$12,650,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 183**The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL**

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 184**The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting specified errors and omissions in the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting specified obsolete references; reorganizing specified sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 228**Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Repealing the requirement that the election of a president, secretary, and treasurer of the State Board of Pharmacy be from among the pharmacist members of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 243**Cecil County Senators****CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the number of regular members of the Cecil County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and providing for a delayed effective date of June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SB 247**Senator Frosh, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; prohibiting a judge in a jury trial from making a specified ruling before the jury returns a verdict; establishing that the owner of a dog is liable for injury, death, or loss caused by a dog while the dog is running at large; establishing exceptions; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 73**Delegate Simmons, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; prohibiting a judge in a jury trial from making a specified ruling before the jury returns a verdict; establishing that the owner of a dog is liable for injury, death, or loss caused by a dog while the dog is running at large; establishing exceptions; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 269 Senator Conway**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – VOTING
OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Providing that a voter in a municipal election is subject to the offenses and penalties related to voting specified in § 16–201 of the Election Law Article; and authorizing the State Prosecutor or the State’s Attorney for a specified county to prosecute a person for an offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**SB 292 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)****STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be conducted on or before December 15, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

**SB 294 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)****MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Maryland Horse Industry Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 297 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 306 Montgomery County Senators

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BARBERSHOPS – RESTRICTION ON OPERATION REPEALED

Repealing a specified restriction prohibiting a barbershop in Montgomery County from being open for business more than 6 days per week.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 310 Montgomery County Senators

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MICRO-BREWERY LICENSES AND CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue a Class 7 micro-brewery license in Montgomery County to a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 380 Senator Conway

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS – CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND FINES

Authorizing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for a violation of specified provisions of law; and requiring the Board to assess specified fines in accordance with regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 399**Senator Shank****SECURITY SYSTEMS SERVICES – COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to conduct an investigation that relates to any complaint alleging that an unauthorized person has provided security systems services; and specifying requirements for the complaint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 404**Senator Kelley, et al****MARYLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – NOTICE OF FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENT**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or other office that receives a specified financing statement for filing to provide a specified notice of the filing to the debtor identified on the financing statement under specified circumstances; requiring the Department or other office required to provide the notice to determine the form of the notice; and requiring the notice to contain specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 418**Senator Middleton, et al****DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES – FUNDING**

Lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services provided to specified individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 441**Senator Mathias****WORCESTER COUNTY – BINGO BOARD – REPEAL**

Abolishing the Worcester County Bingo Board; providing that the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting take the place of the Bingo Board and adopt regulations to administer and enforce the bingo laws in the county; requiring the Department to exercise control and supervision over all games of bingo; requiring a specified representative to consult with the Department and to send specified materials to the Department by a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 448**Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE**

Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue cease and desist orders or obtain injunctive relief for violations of specified provisions of law; altering a specified penalty; providing that a person who violates specified provisions of law is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 480**Senator Klausmeier, et al****INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND EMPLOYEES – REGISTRATION AS REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Authorizing an employee of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund to register and maintain registration as a registered lobbyist under specified circumstances; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 555 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$20,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County and to effect such borrowing by issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 557 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Requiring that the Sheriff of Carroll County receive an annual salary of \$90,000 beginning on December 1, 2014, and thereafter; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Carroll County while serving in a specified term of office; and providing that a specified limitation does not apply to a specified individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 564 Senator Simonaire**ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PENALTY**

Increasing a specified penalty for specified violations of the water pollution control law from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each violation and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 total.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 834 Delegates Frush and Hubbard**ENVIRONMENT – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – PENALTY**

Increasing a specified penalty for specified violations of the water pollution control law from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each violation and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 total.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 641**Senator Mathias, et al**

KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law relating to coverage of cancer chemotherapy to include specified policies or contracts issued or delivered by specified entities that provide essential health benefits required under specified provisions of federal law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 625**Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

KATHLEEN A. MATHIAS ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

Altering the scope of specified provisions of law relating to coverage of cancer chemotherapy to include specified policies or contracts issued or delivered by specified entities that provide essential health benefits required under specified provisions of federal law; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 644**Senator Ferguson, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN DATA POLICY – COUNCIL ON
OPEN DATA

Establishing a State policy that open data be machine readable and released to the public in specified ways; establishing a Council on Open Data; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, chairs, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to promote the policy on open data by providing specified guidance and policy recommendations, advocating for specified practices, and making recommendations on the purchasing of specified data processing devices, systems, or software; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 661**Senator Pugh, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EQUITY PARTICIPATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM – SMALL BUSINESSES**

Altering the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program to encourage and help socially or economically disadvantaged individuals to create and develop small businesses and acquire existing businesses in the State; making conforming changes to specified findings of the General Assembly, the authority of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and the contents of specified business plans; altering the amount the Authority may invest using equity participation financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 583**Delegate Davis****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EQUITY PARTICIPATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM – SMALL BUSINESSES**

Repealing the definitions of “franchise” and “technology-based business”; making conforming changes to specified findings of the General Assembly, the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program, the authority of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, and the contents of a specified business plan; repealing specified distinctions in the amount the Authority may invest in specified enterprises using equity participation financing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 790**Senator Kelley, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CARRIERS AND ENROLLEES – CONFORMITY WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available a specified form for enrollees to use to request confidential communications from health insurance carriers in accordance with specified provisions of federal law; requiring carriers to accept a specified form for a specified purpose under specified circumstances; providing that a notice given by an insurer under specified circumstances is subject to specified provisions of federal law; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 891**Senator Middleton, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – AUTHORITY OF ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES – VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT – REGULATIONS**

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission provide for the voluntary relinquishment of the authority of specified acute care hospitals to provide cardiac surgery services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 930**Senator Conway****ELECTION LAW – FILING DEADLINES FOR PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION AND POST-GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS**

Altering the deadline date for a campaign finance entity to file a pre-primary election campaign finance report and a post-general election campaign finance report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 960**Senator Ferguson****ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION**

Altering the composition of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee to reflect changes made to the State's legislative districts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SB 975**Senator Montgomery, et al****SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision of law relating to the definition of “small business” as used for the purposes of the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SB 1044 Senators Middleton and Benson**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – COMPETITIVE RETAIL
ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY – CONSUMER PROTECTION –
REPORT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015, on the status of the Commission's efforts to provide appropriate protections for consumers in connection with competitive retail electricity supply and retail gas supply and recommendations regarding ratepayer protections; specifying the contents of the report; requiring the Commission to convene a workgroup of interested persons, including retail electricity suppliers, to advise the Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

HB 928 Delegates Rudolph and James**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – COMPETITIVE RETAIL
ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY – CONSUMER PROTECTION –
REPORT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015, on the status of the Commission's efforts to provide appropriate protections for consumers in connection with competitive retail electricity and retail gas supplies and recommendations for ratepayer protections; specifying the contents of the report; requiring the Commission to convene a specified workgroup to advise the Commission on the information and recommendations that should be included in the report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SB 1106 Senator Feldman**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS – REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS –
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Requiring applicants for a license or certificate to provide real estate appraisal services to apply for a national and State criminal history records check, submit a complete set of fingerprints, and pay the fees for the records checks; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide the records and a specified receipt of the application to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

HB 11 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to pay specified debt issued by a local government for the cost of connecting properties served by on-site sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; altering conditions for the funding of specified costs; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

HB 13 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS AND PRENEED TRUST ACCOUNTS – REGULATION

Clarifying that realized capital gains are not income of a perpetual care trust fund and shall be deposited in the trust fund as principal; providing that a specified restriction on the use of perpetual care trust funds to make loans or investments in the real property of a cemetery applies to the buildings and structures appurtenant to the property; clarifying that realized capital gains are income of a preneed trust account; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 102 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

PROCUREMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Adding the Secretary of Information Technology as a member of the Procurement Advisory Council.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 105 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – POWERS – AUTHORITY TO AWARD FUNDS AND MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH GRANTEES AND PAYEES

Authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to award specified funds received from any person or government agency; authorizing the Commission to make agreements with a grantee or payee of funds, property, or services; requiring the Commission, in awarding specified funds, to use a specified process and evaluate proposals for funding using a panel that consists of specified individuals; and requiring the Commission to provide specified information on its Web site and submit a specified report to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 106 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene), et al**

SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending to December 31, 2016 the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; and altering to fiscal years through 2017 the period of time during which the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program may not exceed \$14,000,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 129 **Delegate S. Robinson**

PUBLIC ETHICS – CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – EXEMPTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS

Providing that the trustees and employees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust are exempt from the provisions of the Public Ethics Law subject to the adoption of conflict of interest provisions for nonprofit organizations; requiring the Trust to keep on file and make available for public inspection specified conflict of interest provisions; and making specified technical changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 178 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

FAMILY LAW – ADOPTION, SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES – RELATIVES OF MINORS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

Expanding search, contact, and reunion services to include contacting specified relatives of a minor in out-of-home placement to develop a placement resource or facilitate a family connection if the minor was adopted through a local department of social services and a local department determines that reunification with the minor's adoptive parents is not in the minor's best interests.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 179 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership requirements for adult public guardianship review boards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 206 **Talbot County Delegation**

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – TALBOT COUNTY – OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Oxford Community Center to consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 219 **Delegate Jameson, et al**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION – ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission, on a request of a party to a proceeding pending before the Commission, to issue a subpoena for specified purposes; authorizing the Commission to assess the whole cost of the proceeding against the requesting party if the Commission determines after an evidentiary hearing that the subpoena was requested in bad faith; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 238**Delegate Cane****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – TALBOT COUNTY – EASTON HEAD START CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Easton Head Start Center to consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2013; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 246**Delegate Malone, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES FOR USED VEHICLES – PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police to establish the manner and format for the submission of an inspection certificate for the transfer of a used motor vehicle; establishing that the Division may authorize electronic submission of an inspection certificate for a used motor vehicle; requiring the Division to authorize the use of inspection certificate forms for the submission of an inspection certificate; requiring the Department to submit a specified report on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 255**The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Program; authorizing the Program to disclose specified information to specified persons under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a direct full evaluation of the Program on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 258 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

STATE BOARD OF AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified General Assembly committees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 270 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code, to be designated and known as the “General Provisions Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to rules of interpretation, the form and administration of official oaths, the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, acquisition of land by the United States and jurisdiction of the State and United States over specified land, and the State seal, flag, emblems, designations, and commemorative days and months; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 300 Charles County Delegation

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Specifying that a provision of law that prohibits the Charles County Board of License Commissioners from issuing specified licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within specified distances of specified schools applies to licenses with on–sale and off–sale privileges; providing the size of a sign be not less than 24 by 36 inches which the Charles County Board of License Commissioners is required to supply to specified applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 315 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

EQUITY COURT JURISDICTION – IMMIGRANT CHILDREN – CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP

Altering the jurisdiction of an equity court to include custody or guardianship of an immigrant child pursuant to a motion for Special Immigrant Juvenile factual findings requesting a specified determination; and defining the term “child” to mean an unmarried individual under the age of 21 years under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 329 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING PERMITS

Increasing to four the number of gaming events that a specified organization in Frederick County may hold in a calendar year in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 346 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECTS – DUTIES OF DIRECTOR

Clarifying the duties of the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust with respect to the review of specified capital projects; and clarifying the applicability of specified review requirements to specified categories of capital projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 459 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians to provide education loan repayments to physician assistants who provide primary care in designated professional shortage areas under specified circumstances; and expanding the definition of “primary care” to include women’s health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

**HB 467 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

Repealing specified provisions of law regarding the issuance of a work permit by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a county superintendent of schools; authorizing a parent or guardian of a minor to apply for a work permit by completing a specified online application; and authorizing the Commissioner to issue a work permit under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 582 Delegates Beidle and Parrott

LICENSED TREE EXPERTS – NOTIFICATION

Requiring a licensed tree expert to provide specified notice to the Department of Natural Resources of the status of any company that engages in the business or work of the treatment, care, or removal of trees under the tree expert's license and of the liability and property damage insurance and workers' compensation insurance carried by each company.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 658 Delegate Carter, et al

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT – STUDY ON APPEALS UNDER THE
MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT**

Requiring the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government to study how to improve the administrative process for resolving appeals under the Maryland Public Information Act; requiring the Joint Committee to report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HB 827 Delegate Summers, et al

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS –
SUBMISSION OF COPIES TO THE STATE BOARD OF
ELECTIONS**

Requiring each candidate in specified municipal elections to submit a copy of a specified campaign finance report to the State Board of Elections within 10 days after the filing deadline.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

HB 969 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

GENERAL PROVISIONS – CROSS-REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS

Correcting specified cross-references to the General Provisions Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; correcting specified errors relating to the General Provisions Article; and providing that specified powers of specified local governments shall be deemed to incorporate and include specified power and authority contained in specified provisions of the General Provisions Article.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 991 Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Requiring the Queen Anne’s County Board of Elections and the Talbot County Board of Elections to have five regular members; requiring the members of the local boards to be of specified political parties; and requiring that a vacancy on the local boards be filled in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HB 999 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

CODE REVISION – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Revising, without substantive changes, specified provisions of the Annotated Code in order to effectuate the purposes of the Code Revision process; repealing as obsolete provisions of law relating to the time allowed for clerks of court and registers of wills to complete unfinished business on retirement; revising, without substantive change, provisions related to operation of stores by mining companies, the DNA Technology Fund, the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, open meetings of State boards and commissions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 1109**Delegate Swain, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEARCH WARRANTS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring an application for a search warrant to be dated; providing the ways in which an application for a search warrant may be submitted to a judge; providing the ways in which an applicant for a search warrant and a judge may converse about a search warrant application; providing the ways in which a judge may issue a search warrant; requiring a judge to file a copy of a specified search warrant, application, and affidavit with the court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 1381**Anne Arundel County Delegation****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY INCREASES**

Increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to \$128,657 for calendar year 2014 and \$133,000 for calendar year 2015, and each subsequent calendar year; repealing a specified requirement that the annual salary of the sheriff equal the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at a specified rate in the pay scale; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 1403**Delegate Norman, et al****HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – BANKRUPTCY – INTEREST IN MANUFACTURED HOME**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning an exemption for a specified amount in an individual's interest in owner-occupied, residential real property in a bankruptcy proceeding to include an interest in a manufactured home that has been converted to real property in a specified manner; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HB 1552 Wicomico County Delegation**WICOMICO COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – SALARIES**

Increasing the salary of each judge of the Orphans’ Court for Wicomico County from \$6,400 to \$9,500; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Wicomico County while serving in a term of office beginning before October 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014